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RE: Regional and State Priorities

Gentlemen:

At the Board meeting of January 3rd, the Governor spoke about the necessity of the four States of the Upper Basin to determine priorities as between States and necessity of determining priorities for projects within the State.

(a) With regard to priorities between States, I should like to call your attention to Section 5(e) of Public Law 485 and I am enclosing with this letter a copy of the entire Section 5. Section 5(e) states in the first paragraph of the Section that Colorado's share of the net proceeds in the basin fund shall be 48 per centum. The second paragraph in Section 5(e) states that "Revenues so apportioned to such State shall be used only for the repayment of construction costs of participating projects or parts of such projects in the State to which such revenues are apportioned and shall not be used for such purpose in any other State without the consent, as expressed through its legally constituted authority, of the State to which such revenues are apportioned. . . ."

It would seem that this Section of the law provides some control over the priorities as between States inasmuch as the income is automatically credited to the State according to the percentage to which it is entitled.

I call this to your attention so that you may consider it in connection with the general subject of priorities.

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(b) In connection with a consideration of priorities within the State, I should like to call your attention to the Director's Report, Appendix A, to the Minutes of the October 31st meeting of last year and particularly to page 5, Table II, "Colorado Project Schedules - Western Slope", and page 6, Table III, "Appropriations Required to Complete Construction of Projects".

You will note from page 5, the date of completion of definite plan reports for a number of Colorado projects, and in the next column, headed "Construction Funds to be Requested From", is shown the Congress at which these definite plan reports could be presented for authorization. Page 6, Table III shows that there would be ready for authorization from the 85th Congress, 2nd Session, 1958, to and including the 87th Congress, 2nd Session, January, 1962, projects whose construction costs would amount to \$502,711,400. Data regarding dates of approval of these projects is shown on pages 8 and 9.

A copy of Appendix A is enclosed so that you may have all data in one folder.

Sincerely yours,



Ivan C. Crawford
Director

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Enclosures:

- (1) Appendix A of Minutes of Meeting October 31, 1957.
- (2) Sec. 5, Public Law 485